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Applicant's election without traverse of Fig. 2 in the reply filed on 9/9/04 is acknowledged.

The disclosure is objected to under 37 CFR 1.71, as being so incomprehensible as to preclude a reasonable search of the prior art by the examiner. For example, the following items are not understood: Pages 1-11, generally the invention could not be understood as presented in the specification. It is stated that the invention relates to the use of a device as an optical receiver or an optical modulator, or as a spectrometer. However, the specification does not provide a clear explanation that can be comprehended. Moreover, the description provided for the drawings is also incomprehensible.

Applicant is required to submit an amendment which clarifies the disclosure so that the examiner may make a proper comparison of the invention with the prior art.

Applicant should be careful not to introduce any new matter into the disclosure (i.e., matter which is not supported by the disclosure as originally filed).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this letter.


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